

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A fastening device comprising:
  - a support member secured to one body to be fastened;
  - a base member secured to the other body to be fastened;
  - an operating lever having a U-shaped configuration in section and a basal end part of which is turnably connected to said base member through a first shaft;
  - an arm one end part of which is turnably connected to said support member through a second shaft and the other end part of which is turnably connected to said basal end part of said operating lever through a third shaft; and
  - a lock mechanism;said operating lever being turned beyond a dead point where said third shaft is aligned with said first and second shafts in accordance with turning motion of said operating lever until said operating lever reaches an overlap position where said operating lever is overlapped with said base member, said operating lever being locked at said overlap position by said lock mechanism,  
wherein said lock mechanism includes a lock claw ~~disposed at~~ permanently mounted on said base member, a lock pin permanently mounted on said operating lever and laid ~~laid~~ [[lad]] between opposite side walls of said operating lever and movable between an engagement position with respect to said lock claw and an engagement released position where said lock pin is disengaged from said lock claw, and a pin biasing member permanently received in said operating lever for biasing said lock pin toward said lock claw so that said lock pin is kept engaged with said lock claw.
2. (Previously Presented) A fastening device according to claim 1, wherein said arm includes a shaft biasing member for biasing said second and third shafts toward each other, and said operating lever is turn-biased by said shaft biasing member such that said operating lever is moved away from said dead point.

3. (Previously Presented) A fastening device according to claim 1, wherein a shaft biasing member is disposed between said first shaft and said second shaft and adapted to bias said first and second shafts away from each other, and said operating lever is turn-biased by said shaft biasing member such that said operating lever is moved away from said dead point.
4. (Currently Amended) A fastening device according to claim 1, wherein one end part of said lock pin is passed through a support hole of one side wall of said operating lever with play, thereby said lock pin is turnably supported by said support hole, the other end part of said lock pin is passed through a long hole formed in the other side wall of ~~[[aid]]~~ said operating lever and projected outside said operating lever so as to serve as a handle part, said lock claw is arranged proximate to the other side wall of said operating lever within said operating lever, and said handle part of said lock pin is movable between an engagement position with respect to said lock claw and an engagement released position away from said lock claw, along said long hole.
5. (Previously Presented) A fastening device according to claim 1, wherein said lock claw is projected to the opposite side of said third shaft, said pin biasing member is composed of a tension coiled spring, one end of said tension coiled spring is hooked on said lock pin and the other end is hooked on a hooking part which is disposed at said operating lever, said hooking part is located on a basal end side of said operating lever from said lock pin, and said lock pin is biased toward said third shaft by said tension coiled spring.
6. (Previously Presented) A fastening device according to claim 5, wherein said third shaft is provided as said hooking part.
7. (Currently Amended) A fastening device according to claim 2, wherein one end part of said lock pin is passed through a support hole of one side wall of said operating lever with play, thereby said lock pin is turnably supported by said support hole the other end part of said lock pin is passed through a long hole formed in the other side wall of ~~[[aid]]~~ said operating lever and projected outside said operating lever so as to serve as a handle part, said lock claw is arranged proximate to the other side wall of said operating lever within said operating lever, and said handle part of said lock pin is movable between an engagement position with

respect to said lock claw and an engagement released position away from said lock claw, along said long hole.

8. (Currently Amended) A fastening device according to claim 3, wherein one end part of said lock pin is passed through a support hole of one side wall of said operating lever with play, thereby said lock pin is turnably supported by said support hole the other end part of said lock pin is passed through a long hole formed in the other side wall of ~~[[aid]]~~ said operating lever and projected outside said operating lever so as to serve as a handle part, said lock claw is arranged proximate to the other side wall of said operating lever within said operating lever, and said handle part of said lock pin is movable between an engagement position with respect to said lock claw and an engagement released position away from said lock claw, along said long hole.
9. (Currently Amended) A fastening device according to claim 2, wherein said lock ~~elaw~~ is claw is projected to the opposite side of said third shaft, said pin biasing member is composed of a tension coiled spring, one end of said tension coiled spring is hooked on said lock pin and the other end is hooked on a hooking part which is disposed at said operating lever, said hooking part is located on a basal end side of said operating lever from said lock pin, and said lock pin is biased toward said third shaft by said tension coiled spring.
10. (Currently Amended) A fastening device according to claim 3, wherein said lock ~~elaw~~ is claw is projected to the opposite side of said third shaft, said pin biasing member is composed of a tension coiled spring, one end of said tension coiled spring is hooked on said lock pin and the other end is hooked on a hooking part which is disposed at said operating lever, said hooking part is located on a basal end side of said operating lever from said lock pin, and said lock pin is biased toward said third shaft by said tension coiled spring.
11. (Currently Amended) A fastening device according to claim 4, wherein said lock ~~elaw~~ is claw is projected to the opposite side of said third shaft, said pin biasing member is composed of a tension coiled spring, one end of said tension coiled spring is hooked on said lock pin and the other end is hooked on a hooking part which is disposed at said operating lever, said hooking part is located on a basal end side of said operating lever from said lock pin, and said lock pin is biased toward said third shaft by said tension coiled spring.